

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2019 * 10:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members participating:

Board Members Present:

Karen Canupp, O.D. – President
Larry Brown, O.D. - Vice-President
Robert McCullough, O.D.
Jerry Prchal, O.D.
Jeffrey Hackleman, O.D.

Attorney General's Office:

Melissa Tracy, Esq., Asst. Attorney General

Board Members Absent:

Betty Ann Lindsey, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Dr. Canupp, President, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

New Board Member:

Jeffrey Hackleman, O.D.

The Board would like to welcome new Board member Dr. Jeffrey Hackleman. Dr. Hackleman replaces Dr. Jody Whisenant on the Board. New member Hackleman was formally administered the Oath of Office on October 24, 2019 by Governor Kemp.

The Board would like to express its gratitude to Dr. Whisenant for his many, many years of service on this Board, as well as to the licensees and the general public, during his tenure as a Board Member.

Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Brown seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to review Applications, review the executive session minutes, receive the Cognizant (Complaints) and Assistant Attorney General reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Canupp, Brown, McCullough, Prchal and Hackleman.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Dr. Canupp declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq for the purpose of allowing the visitor of the meeting, Mr. McGuire to address his concerns to the Board. No votes were taken in the closed session.

Attorney General's Report:

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General provided a written status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. McCullough seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

- R.W.

Recommendation:

Approved; Pending receipt of additional information

Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendation of the above application as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

- ❖ **Recommend Close Case:** OPT190010
- ❖ **Refer to AG's office:** OPT190017 & OPT190018
- ❖ **Schedule for Investigative Interview:** OPT200003

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. McCullough seconded, and the Board voted to refer OPT190017 & OPT190018 to the AG's office for a Public Board order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. McCullough seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations of the Cognizant report on complaints as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- June 24, 2019

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. McCullough seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 24, 2019 Board Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- June 24, 2019

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. McCullough seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 24, 2019 Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- **Rule 430-2-.08** Volunteers in Optometry

The purpose for the rule change is to encourage licensed individuals from other states or practitioners within the state that work in Federal service to have a convenient method for approving volunteer service within Georgia. The volunteer rule change allows active practicing licensees the opportunity to participate in the volunteer program. This will encourage licensees of the 5 Border States and those in Federal service to participate in the volunteer program. Additionally, the rule would expand the volunteer base of active licensed optometrists to provide care to the underserved with the assistance of community groups in Georgia. The board does not see that additional cost will be incurred by this rule change. The board does expect benefits to the citizens of Georgia from the medical care they will receive that improves their health and productivity.

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Brown seconded and the Board voted to approve changes to the proposed rule and to refer to the AG's office for a Memo of Statutory Authority. In addition, upon receipt of the AG's office memo, the Board voted to post the proposed rule amendments to rule 430-2-.08 for the required thirty days with a public rule hearing to be conducted during the next scheduled meeting.

- **Rule 430-4-.01 Unprofessional Conduct**

The Board tabled discussion of this rule until the next scheduled meeting.

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to discuss certain matters with the AG. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Canupp, Brown, McCullough, Prchal and Hackleman.

Ex. Misc. Discussion Items:

Dr. Prchal and Hackleman discussed with the Board recent legal cases in North Carolina with the Board's legal counsel.

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Correspondence:

- An Analysis of the Optometric Applicant Pool – *Board Information Only*
- S. Dillehay – Scope of Practice – *The Board feels that it is in the scope of practice; however, seek own legal counsel and refer to O.C.G.A. § 43-30-1(2)(A)*
- P. Smith – Scope of Practice - *The Board feels that it is in the scope of practice; however, seek own legal counsel and refer to O.C.G.A. § 43-30-1(2)(A)*
- J. Pittman – Scope of Practice – *There is nothing that is currently in the law to prevent/prohibit the referred to type of activity.*

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to respond as directed to the correspondences above as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- CE Renewals/CE Audits – J. Prchal and L. Brown
- Southern College of Optometry Injectables Course – R. McCullough

Application Ratify List: Licenses issued between: 7/23/2019 - 11/11/2019

| License No | Licensee |
|------------|----------------------------|
| OPT003187 | Alka Kumar |
| OPT003188 | Mahmud Saied Abdallah |
| OPT003189 | Clayton Tyler Boyd |
| OPT003190 | Barbara Jean Fluder |
| OPT003191 | Jessica Grimes Patton |
| OPT003192 | Heidi Erica Wise |
| OPT003193 | Priscilla Chang |
| OPT003194 | Jonathan Chen |
| OPT003195 | Suzanne Marie Johannes |
| OPT003196 | Kimberly Penix Laan |
| OPT003197 | Sukumar Pandit |
| OPT003198 | Conner Millwood Robbins |
| OPT003199 | Eric Chi Jun Jan |
| OPT003200 | Javeya Williams Clark |
| OPT003201 | Andrew James Hawkins |
| OPT003202 | Madhavi Uppal |
| OPT003203 | Nina Manu Dalsania Makadia |
| OPT003204 | Alvina Jawaid Qureshi |
| OPT003205 | Kalah Pylar Burchfield |
| OPT003206 | Sharonda Bradley Gyimah |

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| OPT003207 | Lauren Nicole White |
| OPT003208 | Alayna Kristine Larsen |
| OPT003209 | Elizabeth Mary Hart-Carlock |
| TOTAL: | 23 |

Dr. Brown moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

2020 Optometry Board Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday, February 12, 2020
- Wednesday, May 13, 2020
- Wednesday, August 19, 2020
- Wednesday, November 18, 2020

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director,

DR. KAREN CANUPP

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

President

Executive Director HCI

These minutes were reviewed and approved on: **February 12, 2020**